



Staff Report

Agenda Item: **A Resolution Requesting That The Arizona Department Of Transportation (ADOT) Establish A Dedicated Winter Maintenance Fund In The FY 2011 ADOT Operating Budget -**
Discussion and consideration of Resolution #1329, dedicating a winter maintenance fund in the ADOT operating budget.

Staff Contact: Public Works Director, Steve Burroughs

Meeting Date: April 13, 2010

Background: In November 2009 ADOT indicated the strong likelihood that certain state highways in the region would be closed temporarily or seasonally to allow the dedication of snow removal resources to other more travelled routes in the region. This possibility was cause for great concern by many communities and local businesses across the region.

To address the issue the TPAC sent a letter to ADOT Director John Halikowski in December outlining our concerns, related primarily to safety and economic impacts caused by the proposed closures. The letter also suggested that ADOT establish a dedicated winter maintenance fund within the operating budget. Currently all ADOT Engineering Districts receive equal maintenance budget allocations, regardless of unique climatic conditions. ADOT has taken steps to insure no change in snow removal levels for the current budget year; however, ADOT may not be able to make the same assurances for FY 2011.

As part of a broader effort seeking the establishment of a dedicated winter maintenance fund in the FY 2011 ADOT operating budget, the attached resolution was approved at the February Regional Council meeting. To assist in communicating our concerns to ADOT, local agencies are also encouraged to consider approving a similar resolution.

Recommendations: Approval of Resolution #1329, A Resolution Requesting That The Arizona Department Of Transportation (ADOT) Establish A Dedicated Winter Maintenance Fund In The FY 2011 ADOT Operating Budget.

RESOLUTION #1329

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE REQUESTING THAT THE ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ADOT)
ESTABLISH A DEDICATED WINTER MAINTENANCE FUND IN THE FY 2011 ADOT
OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS, ADOT's current operating budget provides equal maintenance funding to Engineering Districts based only on system mileage, regardless of climate; and

WHEREAS, ADOT Engineering Districts in northern Arizona must use allocated maintenance funds for routine maintenance of state highways, in addition to funding all winter maintenance operations, materials, and equipment from the same budget; and

WHEREAS, ADOT Engineering Districts in northern Arizona could improve both routine maintenance and winter maintenance of state highways if dedicated funds were budgeted for winter maintenance; and

WHEREAS, continued decreases in ADOT's operating budget may force both temporary and seasonal closures of state highways in FY 2011 due to lack of adequate funding for labor and resources; and

WHEREAS, local governments and businesses in northern Arizona face substantial economic impacts should ADOT implement temporary or seasonal state highway closures; and

WHEREAS, decreased levels of winter maintenance and snow removal activities on state highways place the traveling public at greater risk and inconvenience.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Clarkdale Council that ADOT actively work to establish a dedicated winter maintenance fund in the FY 2011 operating budget to provide equitable maintenance resources to ADOT Engineering Districts in northern Arizona faced with unique winter operating conditions.

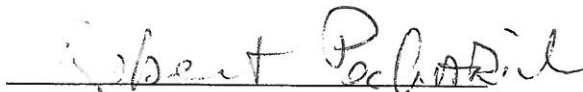
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clarkdale, Arizona, this 13th day of April, 2010.

ATTEST:

Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

Kathy Bainbridge, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Robert Pecharich, Town Attorney